

application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to install and operate a compressor, a back-up compressor, and related appurtenant facilities at the Hilight Processing Plant in Campbell County, Wyoming, and to increase the Maximum Authorized Operating Pressure (MAOP) on a 71-mile segment of its 16-inch mainline, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MIGC states that the compression facilities, each compressor with a rating of 1350 horsepower, and uprating of the MAOP from 1060 psig to 1250 psig are required to satisfy a need for additional capacity on MIGC's mainline and that the proposal would double the throughput on a 75.4 mile section of MIGC's system running south from the Hilight Processing Plant to interconnections with Colorado Interstate Gas Company and KN Energy, Inc. It is asserted that the proposal would increase the existing firm capacity from 45,000 Mcf of natural gas per day to 90,000 Mcf per day. MIGC estimates the cost of the proposal at \$2.62 million.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 3, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion

believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for MIGC to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. ER96-1823-001 and ER97-544-000]

Minnesota Power & Light Company; Notice of Filing

January 13, 1997.

Take notice that on December 12, 1996, Minnesota Power & Light Company (MP) tendered for filing a report of short term transactions that occurred during the quarter ending September 30, 1996, under MP's WCS-2 Tariff which was accepted for filing by the Commission in Docket No. ER96-1823-000. Also, the amended filing included a copy of the umbrella service agreements under which such transactions were made.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 24, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-182-000]

Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 13, 1997

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT), 525 Milam, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana

71151-0001, filed in Docket No. CP97-182-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon pipeline facilities and a delivery tap to be located in St. Louis County, Missouri, under MRT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-489-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MRT proposes to abandon in place: (1) Line A-123, which consists of 14,377 feet of 10-inch pipe and a 2-inch delivery tap, certificated in Docket No. G-863, located in St. Louis County, Missouri and (2) A 7,401-foot portion of 10-inch pipe on Line A-97, certificated in Docket No. C-291, located in St. Louis County, Missouri. MRT states that the subject pipeline laterals are deteriorated, require high maintenance, and are bare-coated.

MRT asserts that historically, these lines have been used to deliver natural gas to Laclede Gas Company (Laclede). However, MRT states Laclede installed 2,150 feet of 2-inch pipe to an existing MRT tap, which has eliminated MRT's requirement or need to use Line A-123 and the designated portion of Line A-97. MRT advises this proposed abandonment will not affect their ability to serve Laclede or any other customer on its system.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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